

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1385 - HB 1225

March 13, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a minimum of two courses in the area of career and technical education be made available in all public secondary schools.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant


Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Education, every public secondary school currently offers at least two career and technical education courses.
- There are 313 high schools in Tennessee. It is assumed that all high schools must make these courses available, but would not require each high school student to enroll in each course.
- A student may currently enroll in a career and technical course in the sixth grade up through the twelfth grade.
- In most middle schools, students rotate on a 6, 9, or 12-week cycle; therefore, in many middle schools with this rotation process most students would be exposed to a career and technical course.
- In school year 2005-06 approximately 59.06% of students in grades 9-12 were enrolled in at least one career and technical education course.
- The Department of Education estimated that at least 80% of high school students have taken a minimum of one career and technical course over their four-year period in grades 9-12.
- Any impact to state or local governments is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director